

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.-12. Cancelled

13. (Currently Amended) An all-terrain vehicle support bracket comprising at least one frame assembly configured to be removably attachable to a portion of an all-terrain vehicle; wherein the at least one frame assembly comprises: includes a support surface thereon configured to support an object positioned on the support surface; an elongated main leg member having a curved, lower end forming a threaded cusp configured to threadedly receive an extension member positioned on a first end of the elongated main leg member, the main leg member having an upper end with an eye affixed thereto for providing a receiving loop for removeable attachment of a securement strap; an upper arm member positioned on a second end of the elongated main leg member; and a retaining member configured to contact the portion of the all-terrain vehicle and attach the support bracket thereto.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 13, further comprising a plurality of frame assemblies configured to be removably attachable to a respective portion of an all-terrain vehicle; wherein each of the plurality of frame assemblies

includes a support surface thereon configured to support an object positioned on the support surface.

16. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 15, wherein the plurality of frame assemblies is a pair of tubular frame assemblies that are substantially identical in structure.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The support bracket of claim 13 ~~17~~, wherein at least a portion of at least one of the elongated main leg member and the extension member comprise the support surface for supporting the object.

19. (Currently Amended) The support bracket of claim 13 ~~17~~, wherein the extension member is a substantially V-shaped extension member.

20. (Currently Amended) The support bracket of claim 13 ~~17~~, wherein the retaining member is a plurality of arms extending substantially horizontally from the upper arm member, thereby providing a substantially horizontally retaining member.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The support bracket of claim 13 ~~21~~, wherein the extension member has a lower end defining complementary threads for threadedly engaging

the threaded cusp, and wherein the extension member further includes an eye affixed thereto, and wherein said eye provides a receiving loop for removable attachment of a securement strap.

23. (Currently Amended) The support bracket of claim 13 ~~24~~, wherein the upper arm member extends perpendicularly from the main leg member in a direction opposite to the threaded cusp, the upper arm member bifurcates into two laterally opposed retainment arms in a perpendicular manner so as to generally form a T-shaped member.

24. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 23, wherein the laterally opposed retainment arms are directed orthogonally below a first inner cross member and a second inner cross member of a front all-terrain vehicle horizontal frame member of the traditional all-terrain vehicle, and wherein an upper circumferential surface of each of the laterally opposed retainment arms mechanically impinge against a lower circumferential surface of the first inner cross member and the second inner cross member.

25. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 23, wherein the laterally opposed retainment arms are directed orthogonally below a plurality of cross members of a rear all-terrain vehicle horizontal frame member, the cross members functioning as brace members, and wherein an upper circumferential surface of each of the laterally opposed retainment arms mechanically impinge against a lower circumferential surface of the plurality of cross members.

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26. (Currently Amended) The support bracket of claim 13 ~~21~~, wherein at least a portion of the support surface is formed upon threaded attachment of the extension member to the threaded cusp.

27. (Currently Amended) The support bracket of claim 13 ~~21~~, wherein the main leg member has a rear, external circumferential sidewall which rests against an upper surface of a vertical member of the front all-terrain vehicle horizontal frame member.

28. (Currently Amended) The support bracket of claim 13 ~~21~~, wherein the main leg member has a rear, external circumferential sidewall which rests against an upper surface of a generally rectangularly-shaped support member of a rear all-terrain horizontal frame member.

29. (Currently Amended) The support bracket of claim 13 ~~17~~, wherein the extension member can be made in a plurality of sizes comprising various lengths, thereby allowing for the support bracket to accommodate a variable load capacity.

30. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 13, wherein the frame assembly is designed and configured so as to rest in an angular plane, which allows for total tire clearance when an all-terrain vehicle tire is facing forward as well as when the tire is turned, after attachment of the frame assembly to the all-terrain vehicle.